

**Martha Hayward, May 6, 1697, Will, Letters to Washington and Accompanying Papers. Published by the Society of the Colonial Dames of America. Edited by Stanislaus Murray Hamilton.**

**WILL OF MARTHA HAYWARD.<sup>1</sup>**

IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN — I Martha Hayward of the County of Stafford being Sick & weak of body but of fit Sense & memory thanks be given to God therefore Doe make & ordaine this my last will & testament. — Imprs. I give and bequeath my Soul to God and my body to the Earth to be buried in Christianlike and Decent manner att the discrestion of my Exes. hereafter named and as for what wordly Estate it hath pleased God to bless me wth. all I give devise and dispose of in the following manner & forme  
Item I give and bequeath unto my two Couzins John & Augustine the Sons of my Cozn. Lawrence Washington of Westmorland County one negroe Woman named Anne and her future increase and in Case of their deaths before they Come to age then I give the Sd negroe to the aforesd Lawrence Washington & his heirs for Ever —

Item I give unto my Cozen Lawrence Washington Son of Mr. John Washington of Westmorland County one mullatto Girl named Suka to him and his heirs for Ever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Cozen John Washington son of the Sd. John Washington of Westmorland County one mulatto Girl named Kate to him and his heirs for Ever —

Item I give and bequeath my Cozn. Nathaniell Washington son of the Sd. John Washington one negroe boy named John to him & his heirs for Ever

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Item I give and bequeath unto my Cozn. Hen: Washington Son of the Said John Washington one negroe boy named George William to him and his heirs for Ever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinsman Mr. John Washington of Stafford County one negroe Woman named Betty and her future Increase to him & his heirs for Ever —

Item I give and bequeath unto my Kinsman Mr. Richd. ffoot two thousand pds Tobbacco to him & his heirs for Ever

Item it is my will and desire that my Exes. & wth. all Convent. Speed after my decease Doe procure and purchase for Each of my Two Sisters in Law vizt. Mary Wing & Sarah Todd a Servant man or Woman as they or Either [of] them Shall both like haveing att least four or five years to Serve vizt. I doe give to them and their heirs for Ever —

Item I give and bequeath to my aforesd Six Cozens the Sons of my two Cozs. Lawrence & John Washington of Westmorland County Each of them a feather bedd and furniture to them and their heirs for Ever —

Item it is my will and desire that my Exers. with all Convenience. Send to England to my [word obliterated] Sister Mrs. Elizabeth Rumbold a Tonn of good Weight of Tobbacco and the Same I give to her and her heirs forever — Item it is my desire that my Said Executrs. doe likewise take freight and Send for England to my other Sister Mrs. Margt. Galbut a Tonn of good Weight of Tobbacco which I give to her and her heirs for Ever —

Item I give and bequeath unto Mr. Wm. Buckner of the County of York a gold Signet —

Item I give and bequeath unto Capt. Law. Washington and his wife Mr. John Washington of Stafford County and his Wife Mr. John Washington of Westmorland County and his wife, Mary and Miss Sarah Todd and Mary Wheatly Each of them a gold [ring ?] of twenty Shillings price to be procured with all Convent. Speed after my decease —

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Item I give and bequeath unto Samll. Todd Son of Wm. Todd a heiffer about three years old —

Lastly after all my just Debts are pd. all the rest of my Estate whatsoever and whosesoever I doe give and bequeath unto Capt Lawrence Washington Mr. John Washington of Westmorland County & Mr. John Washington of Stafford County to be Equall divided between them and doe hereby [word obliterated] Constitute and ordaine the aforesd Lawrence Washington of Westmorland County Executrs. & John Washington of Westmorland County Executrs. of this my last Will & Testament In Witnesse whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & fixed my Seale this 6th. day of May Anno Domi 1697/  
MARTHA HAYWARD [Seale]

Signd Sealed and Delivered In the presence of us GEO. WEEDON SARAH KELLY  
SARAH # POWELL her marke JOHN PIKE

Proved and Recorded the 8th December 1697/ Vera Copia Test W. PARRY. D Co Cur  
Com. Stafford

1 Martha Hayward was presumably the daughter of the sister to whom Colonel John Washington the emigrant, in his will, leaves “ten pound out of ye mony I have in England for transporteing herselfe into this Country.” Martha Washington married Samuel Hayward, clerk of Stafford County, and brother of Nicholas Hayward, of London.